



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Department of Maryland

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Department Meeting
11/4/2023
Minutes

This combined meeting of the Marine Corps League Department of Maryland and Auxiliary convened at 09:00 by, Commandant **Samuel D. Weinberg**, LCPL Dean Detachment. Opening ceremonies including the Pledge of Allegiance (**Junior Vice Commandant Heilig**), the opening prayer (**Acting Chaplain Harry Hierstetter**), and a reading of the Department preamble (**Senior Vice Commandant Rust**). **Commandant Joe Fay** then assumed the gavel.

Special Guests were introduced Mr. Nick Walker from Pulling for America Veterans

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National Officers, Marines of the Year, Department Marines of the Year, Kennel Officers, and National Auxiliary Officers were recognized. As were Past Department Commandants, Marines of the Year, Associates of the Year, Officers from other department, Kennel Officers, Past Dept. Aux Officers, and Department Auxiliary President Mary Fay.

Mr. Walker addressed the meeting re: Pulling for America PTSD awareness.

There being no business with the Auxiliary the meeting was recessed for five minutes

Reconvened: 9:30

Roll Call of Officers, Detachments, and Committees was dispensed with, with attendance taken as the reports were made.

Minutes and reports from the previous meeting were posted and are available on the Department website.

Motion to Accept: Reeling | Devlin, passed.

A quorum was present

Correspondence: None

Paymaster's Report: **Paymaster Laurie Blair** present and reporting. Motion to accept Leonhart | Taylor passed, attached.

Honors for those who reported to the Supreme Commandant since the last meeting.

- Former Maryland Secretary of Veterans' Affairs, George Owings
- Marine Vic Ryan, Mountainside Marines
- Marine Bob (T. Robert) Eader, Shangri La Life Member

Reports of Marines Sick or In Distress:

- Jack Severn is home from hospital.
- Ed Smith is in hospital, unable to walk.
- Cindy Wolf is in rehab.
- Harry Herstedder's companion Judy is ill.
- Pax River Jr Vice Tom Mckean's wife
- ShangriLa Jr. Vice hospital knee surgery blood disorder
- Chaplain Leonard Steilper's wife, Deanna is having balance issues and has fallen several times.
- Marine Tony Brocato's son Joey who has been recovering from bone marrow transplant are out in in MN again for additional treatments.
- Senior Vice Tony Rust's wife Susan had cataract surgery
- Dave Weed hospital then home
- Libby Devlin born Salem MA 10/31
- Jerry George's granddaughter, Anastasia born October 17
- Paul Gunther's Grandbaby #5. Born October 5

Officers' Reports

Commandant Fay: present and reporting, attached. Cleaning up detachment rosters. 990ns and Form 1 looking better. Need the MD tax exempt status form. Need a Department compliance officer now, reporting to MidEast division. Next meeting The next meeting is 03/09/24 at the American Legion Post 86, 2013 Viers Mill Road, Rockville, MD 20851. Cohee on deck for August. Dispensing with April meeting.

Senior Vice Commandant Rust: present and reporting, attached. One meeting in March prior to Convention. Pay attention to timelines for MotY and AotY. Wants for apps for AotY. Locked on Convention at Grand Hotel Mothers' Day 9-11. Can book any time.

Gary Roundtree: Check out ALoft hotel for pricing for after the current contract.

Junior Vice Commandant Heilig: present and reporting, attached. Drastic changes in membership. Lost 83 Marines from department Roster as National catches up with NoDs. Recruit, recruit, recruit!

Judge Advocate Sharkey: present, and reporting. Working on Bylaws and Admin Procedure updates. Need any additional by recommendations by 10 January.

Junior Past Commandant Koontz: present, no report.

Adjutant George: present, no report. Commandant Fay requested that reports from this meeting be sent to adjutant-paymaster@mcl544.org.

Paymaster Blair: present and reporting. Copy her on all NoDs with the transmittal.

Sergeant at Arms LaPorta: present and reporting 42 members in attendance.
(Adjutant's note: 3 members- Larry Jackson, Dan Durnell, and Mike Jadoo-- present on Zoom)

Chaplain Stielper: Excused, no report.

Chief of Staff and Historian Jack Severn: Excused, no report

Public Information Jeff Robinette: present and reporting. Attended Vic's funeral. We live in a dangerous world. Pushing for people to get First Aid and CPR certified.

Photographer Doc. Gunther: present, no report.

Web Sergeant Hadley excused, no report.

Committee Reports

Legislative: Judge Devlin present and reporting. The Legislature adjourned in April and will resume 2nd Wednesday of January. Starting to pre-file bills this week. Governor Moore has announced that he intends to have the subtraction modification to 100% by the end of his term. Charlotte Hall issues. Marine George Owings was a great friend to Marines and to the Marine Corps League.

MCL Foundation: Judge Devlin reporting, Foundation needs money. They have issued a call for each detachment to donate \$100. Info: gerarddevlin@aol.com

Perry Point, Kevin Obrian, excused, no report.

Loch Raven / Toys for Tots: Marine James excused, no report.

Young Marines and Marine for Life: Marine Ray Sturm present and reporting for Young Marines. Attached. MFL No report.

Charlotte Hall: Marine Jabr reporting. Attached.

VAVs, VSO, FT. Mead, Gary Roundtree, present and reporting. Attached

Newsletter: vacant, no report.

License Plates, Uniforms Committee, Leadership School, Mideast: PDC Craig Reeling, present and reporting. License plates, Leadership school, move from big book to on-screen. Uniforms: wear 'em correctly. Mid-east: no report.

Chapel of Four Chaplains: PDC Koontz present and reporting. Has received no applications and is asking for them. Marines or non-Marines.

MD Veterans Commission and Eagle Scouts: PDC Blair present and reporting. Both reports attached.

Social Media: Marine Burns present and reporting. Attached.

Fallen Marine Program and Colorguard Committee: Marine Hammerbacher present and reporting no requests for the former. Corporal Pete Arnold Detachment hosted an event for a local boy who passed accidently and they created him an honorary detachment member.

Pax River Liaison: present, no report.

RSS Baltimore, Indian Head, 4th LAR BN: (vacant).

4th Combat Engineers Liaison: Harry Hierstetter reporting that Baltimore Detachment is working with them and staying in touch.

Merlyn Pack <Woof woof> Pack Leader Rust reporting that there will be a growl after the meeting today. </Woof woof>.

Marine of the Year: SR Vice Rust reporting that nominations will be accepted in accordance with the bylaws. Write-ups before 3/9 meeting.

Convention: SR Vice Rust reporting dates. Change to the ad book rtes 100/50/25/10 / patron lines. Banquet \$60. Has raffle tickets.

Associate of the Year Society: Associate Member Beale present, no report. Commandant Fay called again upon Detachments to forward nominations.

Joint Veterans Commission: Commandant Fay reporting that meetings start this month, 3rd Wed at 19:00.

Detachment Reports (*Recruiting Award)

Ann Arundel (1049): present and reporting, attached.

Antietam (113): Adjutant Don Blair present and reporting, attached.

Baltimore (565): PDC Earl Ruff present and reporting, attached.

CPL Pete Arnold (1198): J/A present and reporting (attached). 11Nov Color Guard at Mission BBQ, 11/8 Colors at

Jason D. Mileo (1147): not present, no report

Free State (544): present, **Judge Advocate Devlin** present and reporting verbally. Cake cutting 11/10 @ Chapter 7 7:30, Cke @ 8.

Garrett County (1234): Jr. Vice Heilig present and reporting, attached.

L/Cpl Gregory S. Copenhaver (1098): not present, no report.

L/Cpl Robert W. Deane (770): present and reporting, attached.*

Maryland Marines (1371): Present, no report. Processing transfers from Department

Mountainside Marines (1071): not present, no report.

Patuxent River (1305): District 3 Vice Commandant Jabr present and reporting. Attached.

Peacekeepers (1492): excused, report attached.

Shangri-La (118): Marine Leonhart present, no report

Sgt Jack Hettchen (1428): Jr Vice Miller reporting, attached.

Jason D. Mileo (1147): not present, no report

SSgt Walter “Trae” Cohee III (115): Commandant Larry Jackson present on Zoom, attached.

SSgt Karl G. Taylor (1084): Present, **Marine Betts** reporting, attached.

District Vice Commandants

District 1: Vice Commandant Jackson present on Zoom, attached. Cohee too.

District 2: Vice Commandant Ruff present and no report.

District 3: Vice Commandant Jabr present and no report.

District 4: Vice Commandant Gunther present and no report

District 5: Vice Commandant Mangum, excused, no report.

Special Committees: none

Unfinished Business:

Anniversary Ribbon Committee – Senior Vice Rust, no report.

New Business: None.

Good of the League and Announcements.

- Wayne Miller: piggy backing on Marine Roundtree’s report. Operation Green Light. 11/6-12.
- Marine Taylor. Proper uncovered salute is hand on heart.
- Marine Roundtree: CentCom MC Birthday Ball cancelled
- CMC in hospital. Recovering. ACMC confirmed.
- Marine Harry Hierstetter: Semi annual PISC trip and the meaning to the RTR leadership. Planning another trip in April. Baltimore has 8-10 leaving on Monday 4/8. Stay in Lumberton overnight. Arrive MCAS Beaufort 11:30-noon 11/9. 11/10 Tour. 4/11 Family Day. 4/12 graduation. Infor NLT February. (443) 226-1358. 1stsgtiwhusmc@comcast.net for info. Rough cost: m-f \$300 for lodging, double occ. Plus food.
- Howard: Kay Pratt of American Income Insurance has shared that their death and dismemberment insurance is applicable to families as well.

- PDC Reeling would like Department to investigate and create an MCL MD foundation (501.c.3) for donation purposes. Humanitarian assistance and scholarships for College and Trades. He is switching jobs. May be at home more often and around more. Wants to start a Baltimore County Detachment.
- CPL Pete Arnold Detachment presented their raffle price, a Kabar knife, to PDC Earl Ruff.
- Cmdt Fay presented Rosemary Beale with the Associate of the Year medal was unavailable for the Convention.
- Sr Vice Rust selling on behalf of Pax River detachment raffle tickets for two shotguns.
- Cmdt Fay: let him know if you're not getting CC emails.
- Adjutant George: email reports.
- Calendar convention announcements
- Happy 248.
- Growl 12:45. Pups 15 minutes prior.

Closing Ceremonies held and the meeting adjourned at 10:15AM.

The next meeting is 9 March 2024 hosted by the SGT Jack Hettchen Detachment 1428, at American Legion Post 86, 2013 Viers Mill Road, Rockville, MD 20851

Respectfully Submitted,
Gerald George, Adjutant